

I am strongly against changing these rules. I am a professional musician. I wish to remind the Commission that the primary purpose for regulation of the airwaves is to serve the public, NOT to provide more opportunities for profit in business. These two goals are most often incompatible with each other. Further relaxation of these ownership rules will decrease the already small amount of diversity on the airwaves. As a professional musician, I am acutely aware of how this rule change will further decrease my access to the airwaves. It is your job to insure that access to the airwaves is safeguarded for individuals such as myself. This rule change will result in a further loss of local programming and an erosion of access to my local audience. I have already seen many radio stations being bought up in my area (Santa Rosa, CA). Their playlists quickly became less diverse and more like the other "corporate radio" stations. I have submitted my music to local radio stations whose program directors have told me that they would like to put it on their playlist. However, they informed me that such a decision is made by a "consultant" who works for their parent company in New York! Please do not further relax these rules, allowing for even more such distant ownership. I want to encourage you to change the rules in the other direction, requiring more local ownership and programming decisions. I need you to work to return the airwaves to its rightful owners - the local audiences!